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A SPIRIT OF LIBERTY

Permeates Both Houses of Congress.

CUBAN RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Bill Passed by Unanimous Vote of the Senate for the Increase of the Navy.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Cuba libre had a field day in the house. Despite the war talk from Spain, the struggling patriots in Cuba were eulogized and sympathized with in two hours' debate and the rules were then suspended and the resolutions reported by the house foreign affairs committee were adopted as a substitute for those of the senate by an overwhelming majority of 233 to 17. An analysis of the vote shows that 188 Republicans, 70 Democrats and 5 Populists voted for the resolutions, and 9 Republicans and 8 Democrats against them.

The debate which preceded their adoption was animated and breathed a spirit of liberality. At times it was exceedingly dramatic, and especially when forebodings of war were uttered, but there was no slumbering there.

The setting of the scene was brilliant. The galleries were black with people attracted by the prospect of the stirring event. In the reserved galleries were many prominent persons.

Even the diplomatic corps, which is usually apathetic, was thonged with the representatives of foreign countries. On the floor the attendance was the largest of the session. A number of senators came over from the other end of the capital to watch the proceedings. The enthusiasm of the members and the spectators ran riot several times and the opponents of the resolutions cut but a short figure when they attempted to enter a discussion.

For weeks, members were fortunate in securing two or three minutes to present their views.

The resolutions adopted are as follows:

Resolved, That the house of representatives (the senate concurring) that in the opinion of congress, a state of public war exists in Cuba, the parties to which are entitled to be called the rebels, and the United States should observe a strict neutrality between the belligerents.

Resolved, That congress deplores the destruction of life and property caused by the war now waging in the island, and believing that the only permanent solution of the contest, equally in the interest of Spain, the people of Cuba and other nations, would be in the establishment of a government by the choice of the people of Cuba, it is the sense of congress that the government of the United States should use its good offices and friendly influence to that end.

Resolved, That the United States has not intervened in struggles between any European governments and their colonies on this continent, but from the very close relations between the people of the United States and those of Cuba in consequence of its proximity and the extent of commerce between the two peoples, the protection of the Cuban people, such lessons as can be learned from the example of the United States that congress is of the opinion that the government of the United States should be prepared to protect the legitimate interests of Americans if necessary.

Under suspension of the rules a bill was passed to grant to the Arkansas and Northwestern railroad a right of way through the Indian Territory, and a bill to retire Lieutenant Commander B. M. G. Brown, United States navy, one of the officers injured in the San Juan wreck, as commander, was defeated, 58 to 55.

The senate joint resolution directing the secretary of agriculture to purchase and distribute the seeds authorized by the current law was adopted.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The bill passed by the senate today for the increase of the navy attracted attention in view of the tension over Spanish-Cuban affairs. In explaining the measure Mr. Hale of Maine, chairman of the naval affairs committee, said that while he did not believe the United States would be involved in war as a result of the present trouble, yet he considered it desirable to give the President authority in case of emergency to call out the naval militia and charter private ships for naval transports. The bill as passed authorizes the addition of 1000 enlisted men to the navy, the enlisting for not more than two years of the naval militia force in case of emergency, and the chartering of steamship lines in case of emergency. This bill passed under the infinite rule and by unanimous vote. Another bill of general interest passed which established a retired list for the revenue marine service, similar to the retirement system of the army and navy. Most of the day was given to the senate calendar, and many minor bills were passed.

The Spanish-Cuban question came to the attention of the senate soon after the day's session opened, when Mr. Gall, Democrat of Florida, urged the adoption of the following resolution:

"Resolved, By the senate, that the President of the United States be requested to demand from the government of Spain a statement as to the truth of the charges made in a letter published in the newspapers purporting to be from Gomez, late editor of the *La Lucha*, a newspaper published in Havana, that the Spanish government had been informed that the said Gomez had been detained while en route to a dungeon in the care of a military commission to a milder punishment in the United States, and that the commandant of the United States, the general colony of Spain, to extract from him evidence against Justice Sangalli, a naturalized citizen of the United States, and subsequently killing said Gomez; also to ascertain on a full report of the evidence and all proceedings in the alleged civil trial of Sangalli in which it is charged that the said Sangalli was condemned to imprisonment for life at Ceuta, on suspicion only, and without evidence, also to demand the release of General Michaelson and Lopez Betancourt, correspondents of New York newspapers, who are still held only with entering within the insurgent lines to obtain information; also to demand of Spain that all American citizens who shall be captured by the Spanish forces shall be treated as prisoners of war, and to inform the Spanish government that the United States will insist on this demand."

Sixty-four resolutions were introduced by the senator from Florida, and he offered a motion to adjourn the session.

Mr. Call read from newspaper extracts the report of the baronies participated by Gomez and others. These set forth that the wife of Gomez had received a letter from him, written in his own blood, shortly before he died in the Spanish penal colony in Africa.

The senator declared that Americans serving in the Cuban army were being shot to death without trial. He de-

clared that the recent action of the senate should be supplemented by steps to secure humane treatment of prisoners taken by Spanish troops.

Mr. Sherman moved to refer the resolution to the foreign relations committee, which was agreed to.

Senator Gear presented Senator Allison's resolution for the term beginning March 4, 1897.

A resolution by Mr. Allen of Nebraska was carried to calling on the secretary of the treasury for information on the earnings of the Pacific roads from the time of their organization.

The President's veto of the bill concerning Arizona lands with a report from the house that the bill had been passed over the veto in that body, was presented and the entire subject referred to the committee on public lands.

The bill was passed, except the carrying of obscene literature and articles designed for indecent and immoral use from our state and territory to another.

At 1:40 the senate had a brief executive session and shortly afterwards adjourned.

Fruit and Grain Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—Jobbing prices are as follows:

Apricots—Fancy Moorparts 10c, choice 10c, fancy 9c, choice 8c, standard 7c, prime 6c.

Peaches—Fancy 6c, choice 4c, standard 3c, prime 3c, peeled in boxes 10c 12c.

Prunes—Fancy sizes 4c,

Nectarines—Fancy No. 1, standard 4c, prime 3c.

Raisins—In sacks or 50-pound boxes, green, loose, 8c; brown 2c; 2c; 2crown 1c 1/2c; dried grapes 1c.

In 20-pound boxes, S-crown, London layers, 8c; 2c; clusters \$1.40@1.60, Dehus clusters \$2.25, Imperial clusters \$2.75.

Wheat—Quiet; December, \$1.13 1/2; May, \$1.15 1/2.

Barley—Steady; December, 7c; May, 7c.

Sorghum—8c 1/2c.

Bran—\$1.50.

SPANISH INDIGNATION

INCREASED BY UNITED STATES DISPATCHES.

Great Activity in the Government's Navy Yard—What the Newspapers Say.

MADRID, March 2.—Cable dispatches from the United States are increasing the feeling of indignation aroused among the masses when the senate's action was first made known. The newspapers confirm the report that a naval squadron consisting of four cruisers and a dispatch boat are to be sent to Cuba immediately.

The greatest activity is being displayed in the government navy yard and every precaution possible is being made by the naval and military forces for the most serious eventualities. The *Imperial* today declares that the utterance of the United States senate contrast in an "unqualified and unreasonable provocation," adding: "If that desire for war was in response to a fault committed by Spain, the statesmen will be held responsible for their duty." But no provision has been given to the United States and the American judges rashly of the results of a Spanish-American war.

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The *Imperial* blames the United States senate for "palliating the outrages of the insurgents and condemning the repressive measures of General Weyler," adding: "Europe one day will have to unite against this method of applying the Monroe doctrine."

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